

Youth Advisory Board.  
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I am for and support Senate Bill 156, An Act Concerning Sibling Visitation for Children in the Care and Custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families. I am for this bill because there are a lot of children in foster who don't know half of their siblings. I think it's important to have more visits because children in care shouldn't have to feel that they're alone or don't have no family. Being in DCF and dealing with different obstacles are hard enough and when we have someone to turn to such as a sister and/or brother who we can connect with when no one else is there, it's always a good feeling. It shows that you're not alone and anything is possible. I ask you to support sibling rights for kids in DCF care by voting yes on Senate Bill 156 and thank you for taking my vote/ opinion into consideration.